

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please **AMEND** the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the system comprising:

a point database recording a number of points accumulated for a customer, the points ~~being-issued to the customer by one or more~~ a plurality of point-usable facilities and recording the number of points issued to the customer by each point-usable facility along with identifying information of each point-usable facility;

~~a use management database recording identifying information of the customer, a requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, a recognition code issued for the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, and information indicating whether the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points is used;~~

~~means for receiving the requested, from the customer, requests for a number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points and for issuing the~~ generating recognition codes for the each requested number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a request from the customer to use the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;

~~means for recording the issued recognition code along with the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points in the~~ a use management database identifying information of the customer, the requested numbers of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points, the recognition codes generated for each requested number of reserved points, and use status of

each requested number of reserved points, according to the customer requests for the number of reserved points; and

means for transmitting data of a point use ~~ticket~~ticket comprising ~~the~~each requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and ~~the~~each recognition code ~~issued~~generated for ~~the~~each requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the customer terminal device for ~~use of~~providing the point use ticket ~~by the customer~~.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The point-service system according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for referring to the use management database use status to provide information to the ~~one or more~~ point-usable facilities regarding whether the number of reserved points is usable in accordance with a reference request along with the number of reserved points and the recognition code from the ~~one or more~~ point-usable facilities; and

~~means for recording that the number of reserved points of the reference request is used in a corresponding field of information indicating whether the number of reserved points is used, provided in the use management database, when the number of reserved points is set to be usable.~~

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The point-service system according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for subtracting the number of reserved points, for which the recognition code is ~~issued~~generated, from the accumulated number of points, and recording the remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points in the point database;

means for referring to the use management database in accordance with a cancel request with the recognition code from the customer to invalidate the generated recognition code, when the use status information ~~indicating whether~~of the number of reserved points is used, ~~which corresponds to the recognition code~~, indicates unused; and

means for adding the number of reserved points for the invalidated generated recognition code to the accumulated number of points for the customer to record the added number of reserved points as a new accumulated number of points in the point database.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The point-service system according to claim 3, wherein the point database ~~comprises a customer point database provided for the customer,~~ records the number of points for each point-usable facility that issued the points and the identifying information of each point-usable facility ~~are recorded in the customer point database,~~ and the ~~operations of subtracting of~~ the number of reserved points for which the recognition code is issued~~generated~~ and ~~of the~~ adding of the number of reserved points for the invalidated generated recognition code are executed for the number of points ~~that is recorded in the customer point database~~ for each point-usable facility that issued the points.

5. (ORIGINAL) The point-service system according to claim 1, further comprising means for transmitting a use request display for the customer to view the accumulated number of points and to input the number of reserved points to the terminal device of the customer.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium storing a program for a point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the program enabling a computer to execute a process comprising:

entering, by the customer, a number of reserved points from any one of a plurality of point-use facilities issuing points to the customer and ~~from among accumulated number of points~~ for the customer, on a display of the terminal device;

~~issuing~~generating a recognition code for ~~the~~each entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a request from the customer to use the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;

recording the ~~issued~~generated recognition code with the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;

subtracting the entered number of reserved points from the accumulated number of points for the customer, and recording a remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points;

transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and the recognition code ~~issued~~generated for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the terminal device; and

displaying the point use ticket on the display of the terminal device to allow the customer

to print the point use ticket for use by the customer.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the system comprising:

~~a point database~~ a controller

~~recording a number of points accumulated for a customer, the points being issued to the customer by one or more~~ a plurality of point-usable facilities; facilities,

~~recording the number of points issued to the customer by each point-usable facility along with identifying information of each point-usable facility,~~

~~a use management database recording identifying information of the customer, a requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, a recognition code issued for the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, and information indicating whether the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points is used;~~

~~a recognition code issuing unit receiving, from the customer, requests for a the requested number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points,~~

~~to issue the~~ generating recognition codes ~~for the each requested number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a request from the customer to use the number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;~~

~~a recording unit recording the issued recognition code along with the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points in the~~ a use management database; database identifying information of the customer, the requested numbers of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points, the recognition codes generated for each requested number of reserved points, and use status of each requested number of reserved points, according to the customer requests for the number of reserved points, and

~~a transmitting unit transmitting data of a point use ticket, ticket comprising the each requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and the each recognition code issued~~ generated for the each requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the customer terminal device for use

~~of providing the point use ticket by the customer.~~

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of issuing points in a point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the method comprising:

entering, by the customer, a number of reserved points from any one of a plurality of point-use facilities issuing points to the customer and ~~from among accumulated number of points~~ for the customer, on a display of the terminal device;

~~issuing~~generating a recognition code for ~~the~~each entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a request from the customer to use the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;

recording the ~~issued~~generated recognition code with the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;

subtracting the entered number of reserved points from the accumulated number of points for the customer, and recording a remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points;

transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and the recognition code ~~issued~~generated for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the terminal device; and

displaying the point use ticket on the display of the terminal device to allow the customer to print the point use ticket for use by the customer.